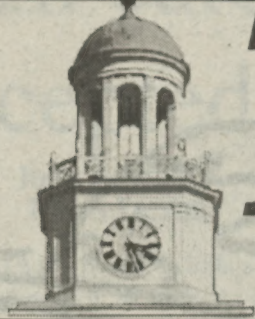


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Press conference promises diversity

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

A multitude of races and faces were in attendance at the Feb. 8 press conference regarding SSU President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach's plans to diversify the campus. Staff, faculty, students, alumni, and local residents filled the Great Hall in Holloway at 2 p.m. to listen to Dudley-Eshbach's proposals for a more inclusive and unified SSU.

Despite such prestigious titles as a place in the U.S. News and World Report's top 10 best regional public uni-

versities in the North and being ranked in the top 331 universities in the nation by the Princeton Review, SSU still lacks a certain element. According to Dudley-Eshbach, SSU is the least racially diverse of all the University of Maryland schools. The Fall 2000 freshman class had a mere 70 non-white students out of a class of 856, only 36 of which are African-American. Seven percent of the teaching faculty are minorities, giving SSU an unwanted label that Dudley-Eshbach refers to as being "diversity-challenged."

Dudley-Eshbach's itinerary cites

seven specific proposals that she believes to be the appropriate measures for strengthening student variety. Originally outlined in the Groupwise e-mail that was sent to the campus, Dudley-Eshbach further elaborated on these ideas in her speech. In collaboration with the Committee on Multi-Ethnic Concerns, Affirmative Action, Admis-



President Dudley-Eshbach explained plans.

sions, Faculty Senate, Wor-Wic Community College, and UMES, the following are the projects currently underway for SSU's plans to diversify:

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Recent crime frightens SSU students and locals

JOSH DAVIDSON
NEWS EDITOR

Over the past two months, the city of Salisbury has seen a drastic increase in the robberies and minor felonies around the area. SSU appears to be the center for these numerous crimes which has left students and fellow neighbors on edge and apprehensive about the near future.

According to SSU Director of Public Safety Jim Phillips, on Dec. 9 at approximately 8:15 p.m., three men, one carrying a knife and one carrying a handgun, held up a man walking through the parking lot in front of Caruthers Hall. After forcing the man to the ground between two parked cars and searching for his money, the three suspects then demanded money from two girls who were walking by. The suspects then proceeded down Route 13, wearing dark clothing and ski masks. They have not yet been located.

"As a female, I do not feel safe walking around campus alone any more," said SSU sophomore Julie Gilbert. "It doesn't matter what time of the day it is, I am constantly observing my surroundings and watching out for anyone or anything suspicious."

The next incident occurred on Dec. 15 when an armed suspect entered the TCBY near Dogwood Drive and demanded money. On Jan. 13, shortly after 8 p.m., an armed suspect obtained an undisclosed amount of cash from Dollar Days.

The third robbery took place at Subway on Jan. 20 at approximately 6:50 p.m. After displaying a handgun, the suspect fled the scene, said Phillips. Baskin Robins was robbed on Jan. 24 around 10:00 p.m., after which the suspect again obtained and escaped with money.

On Jan. 27, four SSU students
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TCBY was one of several local businesses that have been robbed in the past few months. The suspect is believed to have been part of at least three of the four recent crimes, and he has not yet been taken into custody.

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In Case You Missed It...

Bush's Tax-Cut Plan Gets High Marks

After three full weeks in office, 52 percent of Americans approve of the way George W. Bush is handling himself as president, according to a new Newsweek poll. But that rating is below the average of 62 percent recorded for previous post-war presidents at about the same point.

According to Gallup polls taken at the time, John F. Kennedy had the highest approval rating early on (72 percent), followed by Dwight D. Eisenhower (68 percent), Jimmy Carter (66 percent), George Bush (63 percent), Richard M. Nixon (60 percent), and Ronald Reagan (55 percent). Only Bill Clinton scored below Bush, with a ranking of 51 percent eight years ago.

While the media's conventional wisdom is that Bush has done better than expected during his first few weeks in office, most of those polled (61 percent) judge Bush's performance as what they expected. About one-quarter (24 percent) say he is doing better than they thought he would; 7 percent say he is doing worse than expected.

Rescuers comb seas after sub crash

Rescuers continued to search the waters off Hawaii early Sunday in an effort to find nine people still missing after a U.S. Navy nuclear submarine collided with a Japanese fishing vessel Friday. Amid official U.S. apologies, sadness and anger gripped Japan as families waited for news of their loved ones. The U.S. Navy said Saturday that the submarine was practicing an emergency surfacing maneuver when the accident happened, and that its captain — Cmdr. Scott Waddle — had been reassigned pending an investigation.

The nine still missing included three crewmen, two teachers and four high school students who had taken the voyage to learn how to fish. The search of a 3,200-square-mile area turned up no sign of survivors Saturday, but officials said rescue operations would likely go on all night and continue indefinitely.

It is possible for someone to survive more than two days in the 77-degree waters, officials said.

On Sunday, Japan urged the United States to consider raising the sunken trawler, as families of the nine people missing at sea set for off for Hawaii to be close to the search.

The Navy and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating what went wrong as the USS Greeneville practiced a maneuver that put it on a collision course with the Japanese ship.

Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke Saturday morning with Japanese Foreign Minister Yohei Kono to convey his

regrets and apologies, as well as President Bush's regrets and condolences, said David Denny, a State Department spokesman.

A collision of symbolism and security

The White House is, at once, the symbol of an open, unafraid nation and a wary fortress separated by iron bars and concrete slabs from the bustle of everyday America.

When he was outside campaigning to get in, President Bush spoke of how dispiriting it was that episodes of violence should have restricted people's access to the people's house. He promised to look into it if elected.

He was inside this week when a gunman reminded everyone why concrete barriers with tired plants on top were set up in the first place.

Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House has been closed to traffic since the aftermath of the 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City. That was the last straw for security officials who had dealt with a variety of lesser dangers outside the Executive Mansion.

The planters, along with panels that swing up from the pavement, seal off what had been a six-lane thoroughfare. Guardhouses monitor pedestrian traffic, which is still allowed.

The wounding of a gunman Wednesday by the Secret Service happened out back, on a sidewalk bordering the great fenced expanse of the South Lawn. The incident could play a role in what happens, if anything, with security around the White House.

The Republican Party put a call for reopening Pennsylvania Avenue in its platform.

"I believe the White House and Pennsylvania Avenue symbolize the freedom and greatness of America," Bush said before the election. "I will work with the Secret Service to assess the security implications of reopening Pennsylvania Avenue in the future."

Former NYC Mayor Abraham Beame dies

Abraham D. Beame, the diminutive accountant who served as the 104th mayor of New York through the darkest days of the city's 1975 fiscal crisis, has died, according to a family spokesman. He was 94.

Beame died of complications after open heart surgery at New York University Medical Center, said Howard Rubenstein, a family spokesman. Beame had been hospitalized there since July, Rubenstein said.

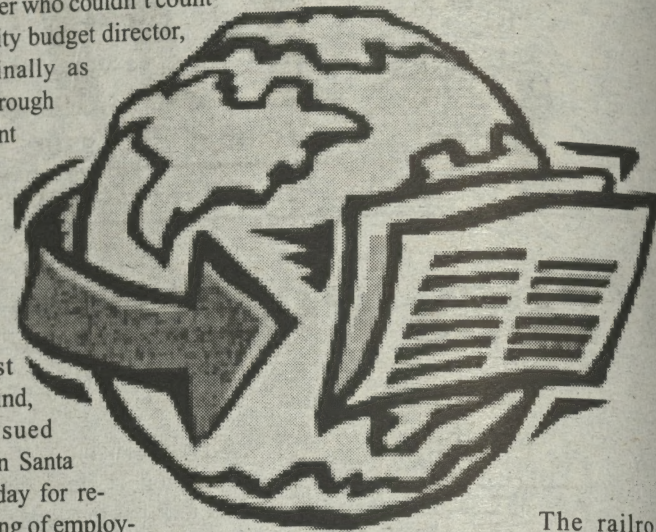
Beame spent his last years defending his reputation from those who said

he was a bean-counter who couldn't count — a man who, as city budget director, comptroller and finally as mayor from 1974 through 1977, failed to prevent a fiscal catastrophe.

Railroad sued over genetic testing

In the first federal case of its kind, the government sued Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad on Friday for requiring genetic testing of employees who file claims for certain work-related hand injuries. The policy violates workers' civil rights, the lawsuit said.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission asked that the railroad end the testing of workers who make claims for carpal tunnel syndrome. The lawsuit said that the employees were not asked to consent to the tests and that at least one worker who refused to provide a blood sample was threatened with losing his job.



The railroad tested the samples for Chromosome 17 deletion, the commission said. Some studies have suggested that the condition would predispose a person for some forms of carpal tunnel syndrome.

The condition and related injuries caused by repetitive hand motions are the leading workplace occupational hazard, according to the National Academy of Sciences.

Overheard on Red Square

The Flyer is Back...

It's been over a millenium since the last issue; does anyone still remember us?

Tomorrow's Valentine's Day...

Is this holiday actually any different than any other normal day?

Construction Workers Busy...

Science building workers spend more time whistling at SSU girls than actually constructing the building.

Gull cards now being accepted off-campus

JOSH DAVIDSON
NEWS EDITOR

The Gull Card, SSU's student identification card, has gained popularity throughout the city of Salisbury in the past few months. After its creation just two years ago, SSU students were able to use the convenient cards in the cafeteria, laun-

business. We plan to continue accepting the card," said Jeff Brown, manager of Dagwood's Cafe.

Nacho Pete's manager Terri Addlesberger has expressed the same encouraging reaction, and they estimate that roughly 110 students have used the Gull Card in December alone.

Business owners began using the



Gull Card machines are being purchased from the university from local businesses in an attempt to attract SSU students.

dry rooms, library, and snack machines on campus. After the completion of a two-month trial period that started in November, eight local businesses have decided to accept the Gull Card as debit for their products.

Among the local participants who accept the Gull Card are Dagwood's Cafe, Nacho Pete's, Arby's, Little Tavern Burgers, Lombardi's Pizza, Papa John's, SpeedyLaundry.com, The Bagel Bakery, and TCBY. According to Mike Burton, director of SSU Gull Card operations, at least six other local businesses have expressed interest in accepting the Gull Card.

"We are currently trying to recruit either Giant Foods or Super Fresh, and Walmart has also expressed interest in using the Gull Card," said Burton. "We'd also like to get more activity-oriented businesses, such as bowling alleys, skating rinks and movie theaters to become more aware of the Gull Card."

The overall response in the Gull Card's recent expansion has so far been positive to both students and local business owners. "It appears to have increased our

Gull Card in an effort to offer convenience and attract the majority of the 6,400 students and 1,500 faculty and staff at SSU to their commerce. After businesses purchase the necessary equipment from the college, including the Diebold card machine seen on SSU's campus and a computer program to accompany it, they become official Gull Card acceptors.

The role of the Gull Card is expected to drastically increase in the near future, according to Burton. He said that within the next few months, it is

expected that the Gull Card will also serve as a phone card. In addition, students will be able to transfer money from either checking or savings accounts directly to their cards.

According to Burton, in order for the Gull Card to become more widely acceptable, student feedback is necessary. Burton, who is open to new ideas from both students and vendors, may be reached at 410-677-5031 or e-mailed at rmburton@ssu.edu.

SSU becomes Microsoft Host Institution

BETTY VOLTAIRE
STAFF WRITER

Move over Bill Gates—Salisbury State University has recently become one of only 20 schools in the nation to receive the distinction of being a Microsoft Host Institution after 10 of its faculty members graduated from software training offered by the computer giant.

"We are better able to bring the

Among SSU faculty who completed the training were Dr. Edward Crane, Dr. Frances Kendall, Dr. David Rieck and Dr. Carol Wood. Other faculty included Dr. Dan Ervin, Dr. Elizabeth Rankin, Dr. Denise Rotondo and Dr. Paul Scovell.

According to Shipper, faculty learned how to create their own Web pages and place class presentations on the Internet.

Microsoft

electronic classroom to the students," said Frank Shipper, SSU business professor.

Shipper, who requested that Microsoft come to SSU last spring, said the training was a public-private collaboration among 29 faculty members from 10 institutions including Bowie State University, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and Washington College.

The Microsoft Mentor Program, set up for faculty in higher education, offers support to develop and enhance their computer skills. Rather than focus on features in software, Microsoft placed an emphasis on solving educational problems.

The higher degree of technology integration in the educational process will also provide 24-7 access to students to other resources, such as an electronic library, Shipper said.

Participating faculty are now required to train their peers and if successful, they will be eligible for more training from Microsoft.

The host schools will also receive additional software from Microsoft to be used by their faculty.

"This will improve the educational experiences by enabling better communication among instructors and students both inside and outside the classroom," Shipper said.

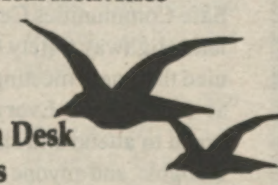
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- Little Tavern
- Lombardi's Pizza
- Papa John's
- Speedy Laundry.com
- TCBY





The Eastern Shore Regional Safe Communities Center at SSU and the Maryland Highway Safety Office have joined together to prevent automobile accidents like this one.

SSU among 5 schools to earn grant for prevention of impaired driving

JOSH DAVIDSON
NEWS EDITOR

In a continuing attempt to prevent impaired driving, the Eastern Shore Regional Safe Communities Center at Salisbury State University has joined forces with the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) to provide five colleges and universities across the Shore with a total of \$10,000 in grants. Salisbury State University, Washington College, Cecil County Community College, Wor-Wic Community College and University of Maryland Eastern Shore have each been provided with \$2,000 to present new and innovative programs to prevent impaired driving.

"There is an important message that should be targeted to this age group," said Eastern Shore Regional Safe Communities director Chris Byrnes Jr. "That message is that we all have a responsibility in the fight against impaired driving."

After the five institutions first met in November, another meeting was planned for Jan. 24, where they proposed new programs to stop impaired driving. According to Byrnes, it is "important that the colleges take a part in combating impaired driving."

SSU and Safe Ride joined to-

gether and proposed fatal vision goggles, educational material and promotional items, said Byrnes. Other ideas included a drunk-driving simulator car, crash test dummies, speakers from MADD, banners, and a memorial for DWI drivers.

Current data and statistics were also discussed at the meeting held in January. George Branyan, Maryland Highway Safety Special Programs Coordinator, shared pedestrian and bicycle data as well as pedestrian crashes per county for the

year 2000. According to Branyan's figures, statewide pedestrian accidents and injuries, and statewide bicycle accidents and injuries have decreased over the past year. Pedestrian crashes involving alcohol have also decreased in the past year. Branyan believes these decreases in accidents and injuries are a result of additional interest and the advocacy of the general public.

The Eastern Shore Regional Safe Communities Center and the Maryland Highway Safety Office have scheduled their next meeting for May 23, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. Everyone interested is urged to attend and share their ideas and thoughts, and anyone with questions concerning the meeting may contact Byrnes at 410-543-6309.

SSU schools sponsor Academic lecture series

BETTY VOLTAIRE
STAFF WRITER

SSU continues to celebrate its birthday this semester with a series of lectures sponsored by the Henson School of Science, the Fulton School of Liberal Arts, and the Seidel School of Education.

Dr. William Dunham, author of *Journey Through Genius: The Great Theorems Of Mathematics* and *The Mathematical Universe* and nationally known mathematical historian, will open the series on Feb. 28. Dr. Dunham's lecture is sponsored by the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology and will take place in the Wicomico Room in the Guerrieri University Center.

"Professor Dunham is excellent at communicating to any audience the importance of mathematics to our culture in general and to science in particular," said Dr. Lee May, professor of mathematics at SSU.

"Whether you agree with him or not," said May, "I believe that all who hear Professor Dunham will come away with a better understanding of the importance of mathematics, to science and society, throughout the ages."

On March 7 at 7 p.m., Tim O'Brien, author of *In the Lake of the Woods* and *Going After Cacciato*, will speak in the Wicomico Room. He is best known for his essay in *The New York Times* about his return to Vietnam, "On a Rainy River." O'Brien's lecture is sponsored by the Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton School of Liberal Arts.

"Student excitement in discussing 'On a Rainy River' in freshmen English classes was the impetus for several Fulton School departments to invite Tim O'Brien to speak here," said Kit Zak of SSU's English Department. "The renewed interest in Vietnam, the ramifications of chemical warfare, the newly developed liaison between the University and Vietnam-USA Society and a proposed SSU coordinated

trip to Vietnam in Summer 2001 coalesced in O'Brien's invitation to campus."

Alfie Kohn, a former teacher, will visit the campus on March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Holloway Hall Auditorium. Kohn, author of *Punished by Rewards: The Trouble with Gold Stars, Incentive Plan, and A's, Praise and Other Bribes*, argues that the use of rewards is counterproductive in raising children, teaching students and managing workers. He will discuss those and other controversial topics during his lecture. SSU's Samuel W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies sponsor his talk.

"His writings debunk many common assumptions about behavior, health, science and public policy," said Dr. Debra Thatcher, associate professor in the Salisbury State Education Department. "They challenge both academic and general readers to examine their beliefs and actions."

The speaker series comes to a close on March 28, at 7 p.m. with Daniel Schorr, veteran newsman and senior analyst for National Public Radio. He will become the second Presidential Lecturer at SSU, following an appearance last year by Pulitzer and Noble prize-winning author Toni Morrison.

An active reporter for over 50 years, Schorr is the last of Edward R. Murrow's legendary CBS news team still involved in the field of journalism. A recent recipient of the Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia University Golden Baton for "Exceptional Contributions to Radio and Television Reporting and Commentary," Schorr is a winner of three Emmy awards in recognition of his journalistic excellence. The Golden Baton is the most prestigious award in the field of broadcasting and is considered the equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize.

All talks this semester are free and open to the public. For further information, please call the SSU's Public Relations

Crime threatens SSU

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were robbed at the intersection of Hayes Ave. and Lincoln Ave. at 3 a.m. Two armed suspects approached the victims and demanded money before fleeing in a burgundy sedan.

"The crime on campus this year has been the worst I've ever seen it," said University Police Officer Darren Boog at the SGA Forum last Sunday. "We're working with local police and are doing all we can to prevent it in the future."

The University Police, Salisbury

Police, Wicomico County Sheriff's Office, and the Maryland State Police are working together to solve the crimes. According to Phillips, the same suspect may be involved in at least three of the four recent crimes.

Anyone with any information on any of these crimes is asked to contact either the University Police at 410-543-6222, the Salisbury Police Department at 410-548-3165, or Crime Solvers at 410-548-1776.

Dudley-Eshbach to implement strategies for diversity

Seven-part program is SSU's first initiative to integrate

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ships for Success, a program designed to provide high school or community college students with the necessary funding and assistance to attend SSU. Those who qualify will receive a minimum scholarship of \$1,000 per year for up to four years. In effect Fall 2001, Partnerships for Success intends to recruit a wider racial and ethnic variety of freshmen and transfers for SSU enrollment.

2. The creation of a Minority Student Achievement Specialist position will allow for more support and assistance to freshmen and transfer students. SSU's Affirmative Action officer Leon Burks has been chosen to fulfill this position, in light of his "wealth of experience from his previous work with students in Admissions," according to Dudley-Eshbach.

3. The reconfiguration of the position of Special Assistant to the President for Affirmative Action will give way to a national search for the Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Initiatives/Affirmative Action.

4. Dudley-Eshbach will begin meeting with various leaders of the African-American and Hispanic communities in order to re-

alize ideas of diversity and receive feedback on SSU's efforts to remove its racial barriers.

5. In lieu of Dudley-Eshbach's extensive background in the Hispanic culture, she has utilized that passion to accommodate the region's growing Hispanic population, which is currently at approximately 10 percent. In addition to the already thriving English as a Second Language (ESOL) program, Dudley-Eshbach and President Hoy of Wor-Wic Community College are in the preliminary stages of constructing a program tentatively called "HOLA," Hispanics' Opportunities for Learning Assistance.

6. By July 1, 2001, the appointment of a full-time Director of International Education Studies is expected to be installed, an effort intended to better coordinate study abroad and international education activity programs.

7. The combined efforts of SSU and UMES to allow students from both campuses to share programs, facilities, and resources have earned the two schools the Theodore M. Hesburgh award. With the tutelage of director Nelson E. Townsend, the two will continue this exchange, uniting a traditionally white campus with an Historically Black Institution (HBI).

Following Dudley-Eshbach's speech, various speakers took the podium to add comments and questions to her proposal, including SSU students, county officials, and faculty members. Edward Taylor of the Wicomico County Council was one of many who applaud Dudley-Eshbach's efforts.

"I want to take my hat off to Dr. [Dudley-Eshbach] for removing the greatest barrier that

were encountered by the racially deprived citizens of our county, and that barrier was perception," said Taylor. "As years go by, let's remove that perception entirely."

SSU freshman Tiffany Guest shared her thoughts and ideas at the press conference, including her proposal for the creation of a minority house, a notion that Dudley-Eshbach has taken into consideration.

"With an open mind, an open heart, and open ideas, along with being willing to accept change, we will be able to change the perspective and make this university better," said Guest.

Fielding questions from the audience, Dudley-Eshbach was taken aback by an inquiry as to whether or not a reformed admissions procedure to diversify the campus would mean lowered standards for admittance.

"We will not lower our standards. If we are to increase the number of African-American and Hispanic students on this campus, how does this assume that we are lowering our standards?" said Dudley-Eshbach in a response followed by thunderous applause from the audience.

Among other concerns voiced that afternoon was the question of the campus climate, meaning that although various measures to diversify are being taken on an internal level, there is much more to be done in order to integrate students on personal and academic levels.

"Each college and each university has a campus culture," said Dudley-Eshbach. "Culture does not change overnight. The fact is, it's going to take some time. I have made it my business in my seven months here to listen. And if you don't think there's a problem with the climate on this campus, you're not listening."

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Editorial

Catch criminals, not students

It's a crime.

Baskin Robins, Subway, Dollar Days, TCBY (twice), and at least eight SSU students have all been victims. Not of robbery or violence, but injustice. It is unjust that so many of these incidents have gone unresolved. It is unjust that SSU students and locals must fear for their lives and wallets around every turn. But of the utmost importance, it is unjust that the priorities of the law remain with hassling college students for underage drinking, making noise, and having a good time.

Since the end of the fall semester, it seems as though every week brings a new robbery, altercation, or throat-slitting. But as crime continues to be a growing problem for the Salisbury area, the clas-

sification of the real criminals has gone askew.

On Dec. 9, the evening when three armed men held one man and two women at gunpoint in front of Caruthers Hall, a large social gathering took place at an individual's house. Only a few short hours after the incident, four police cars surrounded the house, prepared to breathalize and cite all those who were underage and in possession of alcohol.

Allow me to further emphasize my point: While three armed men who may or may not have still been on campus after threatening three innocent bystanders with their weapons and taking their money, the Salisbury Police were busy busting a party. And seeing as how that can be quite an

onerous task, it necessitated not one, but four cars to do so. The meaning of the phrase "to protect and to serve" seems to have gotten out of context.

I certainly do not put the blame on the police for the crimes that have been committed in recent weeks. I blame the citizens of this area who have tainted a relatively peaceful town with their criminal actions. However, I would like to see results. I would like to see action. If one point has been made clear throughout these tumultuous times, it is that drastic measures must be taken quickly in order to prevent future incidents and bring justice to those that have already occurred. Do I have the answers on how to do this? Of course not. That's why we have the law on our side, or at least we should.



Page by Paige

Diversity. It has been a prevalent issue on SSU's campus this year, and especially in the past week. Is Salisbury diverse? How can we become more diverse? Why does the Commons look so segregated? These are all questions that faculty, staff and students have been asking themselves in recent weeks.

Race is a very sensitive subject and one that many try to avoid. What many people seem to forget is that diversity is not just about race; it is also about culture, sexual orientation, gender, and religion. Frequently, people will remark that, in the Commons, most of the African-American students sit in one area, separated from the rest of the students. However, it is not as obvious when the sports teams sit together in their group, or the fraternities or sororities all sit together. No "group" should be singled out based on the color of their skin. We are all members of one race: the human race, and that alone should unite us in our strife for equality.

Salisbury State University has a lot to offer. The town is very diverse, which makes the fact that Salisbury is a "white school" even stranger. I grew up near Towson, a predominantly white area, so, needless to say, I have not been exposed to a great deal of diversity during my life. To me, Salisbury was somewhat diverse. But I was very naive. It didn't take me long to notice the small number of minority stu-

dents and the division among the students.

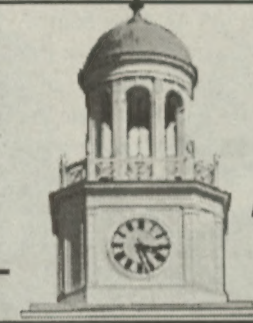
President Janet Dudley-Eshbach held a press conference on Thursday about SSU's initiatives to diversify. Our school is the least diverse in the University of Maryland system. While this problem can not be resolved overnight, Dudley-Eshbach proposed several ways to expand the enrollment of minorities on campus. However, there are many other things that should be done. Our faculty is about as diverse as the Brady Bunch, and while weekend parties seem have very diverse crowds, the campus does not.

Diversity is vital to a college campus. It is essential to learning about the world we live in, and giving people the chance to learn from one another. Many students seem to have something to say about diversity, and I have heard excellent ideas from several of my peers. However, when the opportunity to voice these opinions arises, there is no one talking. Therefore, I am using this opportunity to appeal to all of the students to voice your thoughts and ideas.

If two minds are better than one, then think how great 6,000 minds would be. I have heard time and time again that something needs to be done, and I am happy to see the steps our administration is taking. After all, the diversity level at SSU has nowhere to go but up.

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Who is Valentine, anyway?

JENNIFER ANDERSON
FEATURES EDITOR

Valentine's Day, for some students, is a time for romance, or for expressing their love and care to people that they care most about. For others, Valentine's Day may not have much emotional significance, but it still may spark some curiosity as to its origin and history. Surprisingly, the holiday was not originally intended to make Hallmark millions of dollars more revenue, or to charge people fifty dollars for a dozen roses.

Beginning in the fourth century, Romans celebrated an annual young man's rite to passage in the community. Names of young women

were placed in a box and drawn at random by adolescent men, and the two were "matched up" for the duration of the year, until another drawing took place. Early church leaders finally ended this practice 800 years later, inspired by Bishop Valentine, who had been martyred two hundred years earlier.

According to church tradition, St. Valentine was a priest near Rome in about the year 270 A.D. At that time, Roman Emperor Claudius II had issued an edict forbidding marriage, because he felt that unattached men would make better soldiers for his army.

Valentine saw the trauma of young lovers, and arranged to meet them in a secret place, to marry them.

Claudius learned of this "friend of lovers," and had Valentine arrested.

Although it would have saved his life, Valentine refused to recognize Roman Gods and even attempted to convert the emperor to Christian-

ity. Valentine was executed on February 24, 270.

The first Valentine greeting came about while Valentine was in prison awaiting his fate. His warden, Asterius, had a blind daughter, and through Valentine's faith, he miraculously restored her sight. Just before his execution, Valentine signed a farewell message to her, "From Your Valentine."

Years later, Valentine became the Patron Saint of a Roman festival in which young men gave women they admired, and wished to court, handwritten greetings of affection on February 14.

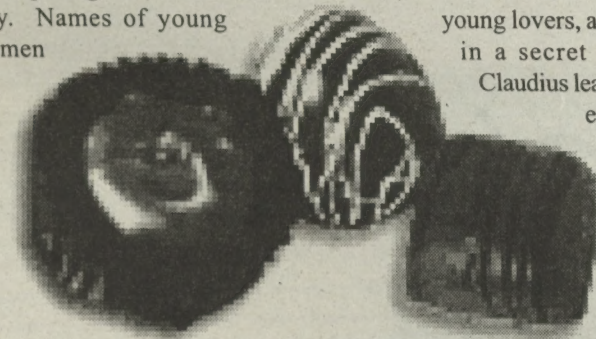
Although the story of St. Valentine involves young couples in love, today the celebration is in no way restricted only



Give someone a kiss this Wednesday!

to romantic relationships. Those who may not have a significant other, and even those who do, send cards, candy, and flowers to people they love. It might be the perfect time to ask Mom or Dad to send a care package.

Any day is a good one to let someone know you care, but make it official this year! Don't forget to remind people tomorrow that you care about them!



Chocolates are a popular choice for Valentine gifts.

Students consider Car-buying options

CHRISSY MOORE
STAFF WRITER

Are you tired of driving around your parents' old mini van? Do you cringe every time you put your key into the ignition, praying your car will start? Guess what, you're not alone! Many SSU students feel the same way about their means of transportation.

As much as it may be desirable, buying a new car is a huge decision that involves a lot of thinking, planning, and yes ladies and gentlemen, money.

Upon looking around any campus parking lot, it is easy figure out what car models are most popular to students. Dodge Neons and Chevy Cavaliers start around \$12,000 and are very popular

choices of students. Hondas, such as Civics or Accords, which start in the \$13's, are also a popular choice of students. Jeep Wranglers occupy just about every other parking spot, as do Ford Escorts.

First, consider whether you want to buy a new or used car. Buying new involves spending more money. Dealers are running specials now on the 2000-year model cars, since the 2001s are coming in. Listen to the radio to catch these end-of-the-model-year specials. Plus, you can get better financing on a new car and a better warranty.

If you want to spend less money, a used car is what you're looking for. Be careful what you buy. You do not want to be stuck with a lemon, spending more on car repairs

than you did on the car itself. If you are going to invest in a used car, do yourself a favor and research the car. Try to get the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) from the salesperson and visit www.Carfax.com. Enter the VIN and Carfax will give you the vehicle's history records: salvaged parts, odometer fraud, multiple owners, flood damage, major accident damage, and fire damage. If the car checks out to your satisfaction, financing is the next step.

Most dealerships offer different financing options. However, you can often find a better financing plan without going through the dealership. Go to your bank and talk to a representative. Banks have all kinds of financing plans for students. Another alternative is to go to a

Credit Union. Many students have accounts with SECU, who also has different options for auto loans and financing. If you have family who work within the school system, many Teacher Credit Unions offer auto loans with very low interest. You need to find a car and a payment plan you are able to afford, repossession is not a pretty sight!

However, many students on campus are lucky to have parents who are able to buy them cars, or allow them use of a family automobile.

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Student Spotlight Greg Penczek

KRISTEN MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

Greg Penczek is not what most people would describe as just another average undergraduate here at SSU. He has already earned a BA in Physical Education, with a concentration in Exercise Science and has completed two years working toward another BA in Athletic Training. However, what really sets him apart from the crowd is what he did this winter. While the rest of us were enjoying our time off, taking a class, or working during the break, Penczek was in Orlando, Florida running in a 26.2 mile marathon in order to support Leukemia research.

On Jan. 1, 2001, Penczek gathered with 9,000 other people for the Walt Disney World Marathon. Each individual had trained for months, with the help of the Leukemia Society's Team in Training Program, which has chapters scattered throughout all of the U.S. Not only do they train for this ultimate physical chal-

lenge, but also each participant is in the midst of raising money for research and sponsoring a victim of Leukemia. Obviously, those involved are true heroes.

Proven to be a success, the marathon raised \$3 million for research and services in 1999.

It is ranked among the top 20 races of the year by Runner's World magazine, and this year, received coverage by ESPN. The Walt Disney World Marathon has a remarkable reputation for working toward



helping the Leukemia Society achieve the kind of success they need, as long as there continues to be incredible goal-oriented people such as Penczek and groups which back these individuals up.

This is how the physical education

fundraising single-handedly. With the help of PEK, Penczek committed himself to raising \$3,400 before the marathon. Ninety percent of the money was donated to the Leukemia society, while the other 10 percent was spent to send Penczek down to Florida, give him a place to crash, and pay the entry fee of the race.

Part of PEK's mission is to provide awareness and aid to community events that correspond with any type of physical education. So when Penczek mentioned the possibility of participating in the race, this was just the sort of activity the honors group was prepared to help with.

Though Penczek is constantly busy running around the city of Salisbury, and PEK is working hard to back him and other athletes, their main concern on campus is to raise awareness for Leukemia. "Everyone knows about cancer but not too many people are up on Leukemia and how many people it effects," Penczek explained.

honor society, Phi Epsilon Kappa (PEK) got involved. Participants cannot possibly be expected to put together

Looking for a new ride, SSU?

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Senior Christy McFarland, who bought a Hyundai Accent before transferring to SSU, said, "Now that I am here at Salisbury, I use the money I earn while working over the summer to make car payments throughout the year."

Lynn, another SSU student, used money from a CD that matured recently to buy Dodge Neon. "My parents invested in the CD when I was a baby, I needed a way to get to my clinicals, so I bought a new car," she said.

Junior Katie Ferguson works retail to pay off the Honda Del Sol she bought this summer.

Whether you are seriously contemplating buying a new car, or just annoyed with the one that keeps breaking down, do yourself a favor and research your options.

For students who don't have all the time in the world to visit dealerships, the Internet is the next best thing. Visit Pohanka Auto Mall at www.pohankaofsalisbury.com and cruise their Web site. They even have a finance calculator, which allows you to estimate

your monthly payments, based on your down payment, the term of your loan, interest, and the car price. If you do decide to go for it, research the car, test drive, and work out a realistic payment plan.

If you can't afford to buy the new 2001 Spyder Eclipse Convertible you've dreamed of, maybe you can buy it for yourself as a graduation present... when you have a real job and can make the payments!

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SSU celebrates African-American history

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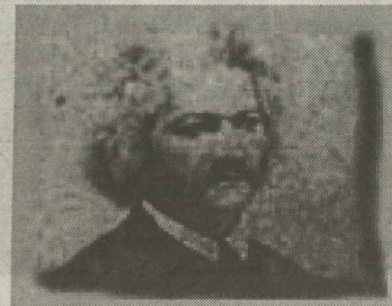
Saturday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. is Buffalo Soldiers Day. The event will be held in the Wicomico Room. The Thomas Elzey Polk, Sr. Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers will host the event.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 4:30-7:30 p.m. is the African-American History dinner in the Commons, \$8.25 per person.

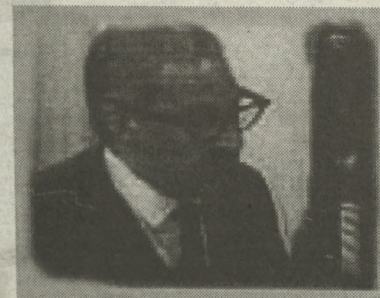
Thursday, March 1, 7:30 p.m. Dr. Akwasi Osei lectures on "The State of Politics in Black America" in the Wicomico room.

April 30-May 3 is Multicultural Festival Week.

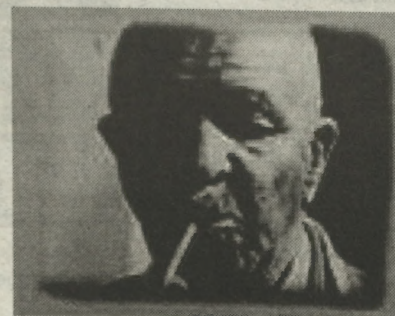
FREDERICK DOUGLASS is known as the spokesperson for freed slaves and a fighter for human rights.



THURGOOD MARSHALL won many NAACP court cases, which became landmarks in the Civil Rights struggle.



GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER, a father of invention, refused to patent any of his over 450 agriculture innovations.



SSU's celebration of African-American History Month is part of a national theme aimed at bolstering cultural awareness of a unique and vital culture. SSU will host presentations ranging from the role of the church in the Black community to the legendary Buffalo soldiers.

"The primary purpose of the celebration is to instill in African-Americans a sense of pride and accomplishment and to inform the campus and the public of Black America's glorious past," said Vaughn White, director of SSU's Multiethnic Student Services.

The events for African-American History Month began on Saturday, Feb. 10, and will run through Thursday, March 1. To continue the celebrations, Multicultural Festival Week will follow and run from April 30 - May 3. All activities will be free (except for a dinner in the Commons) and open to the public.

White said the presentations at SSU were based on the national theme, Creating and Defining the African-American Community: Family, Church, Politics and Culture.

Special events include an African-American dinner, workshops on how to research family lineage,

church history and a presentation about the Buffalo Soldiers. Rev. Jesse Abbott of the Family Worship center will be the keynote speaker for Church and Family Day. Dr. Akwasi Osei, Delaware State University professor of history, philosophy and political science will lecture on the state of black politics in America.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson first

celebrated African-American History in 1926, when he initiated Negro History Week. Wilson chose February for African-American history Month because the month contains the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

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Politics as usual

by Jared Silberzahn



Evaluating the Clinton Legacy...

One of the many questions that spectators and pundits were asking aloud during President Bush's inauguration on Jan. 20 had nothing to do with the incoming administration. More interesting than tax cuts and military readiness, everyone wanted to know how long former President Bill Clinton could stay out of the spotlight before returning to grace the American public with his presence. The answer to that question came much sooner than expected, as Clinton decided to ditch tradition and give a couple of farewell speeches only hours after he had left office.

Previous outgoing presidents have used the situation to "ride off into the sunset," thus creating a single indelible image for the American citizenry. Ever seen footage of Nixon defiantly waiving the victory sign with both hands before boarding Marine Force One? Clinton, however, who has a reputation for holding onto the spotlight with a death grip, overstayed his welcome. After reviewing troops at Andrews Air Force Base, albeit after Bush's inauguration, Clinton took to a podium and confounded listeners when he happily announced, "I'm still here," despite the fact he wasn't gone long enough for anyone to wonder where he was. He then boarded the plane that would take him "home" to New York. (Marine Force One, the helicopter that usually serves as an escort for the outgoing president, was grounded due to poor weather. Clinton then insisted on using one of the new president's planes, one of the two aircraft that serve as Air Force One when the president is aboard.) He resurfaced only hours later on an airport runway to talk to supporters in New York. But by then the transition of power was evident. Not between Clinton and Bush, mind you, but between Ex-President Clinton and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton. It was now Hillary's turn.

The Clintons found themselves in hot water just weeks after leaving the White House. The Clintons received \$190,000 worth of gifts in the closing days

of their stay in the White House, causing a stir among critics. After taking heat, the Clintons decided to pay back \$86,000 worth of the furniture, rugs, china, and televisions they received.

Then a storm erupted over the revelation that many of the gifts the Clintons had taken from the White House to their home in New York were never intended for them. Instead, individuals had donated expensive furniture to the White House itself, but not specifically to the Clintons. Those pieces of furniture were meant to stay at the White House no matter who was residing there. The Clintons have since returned the disputed furniture saying that it was an honest mistake on their part.

More controversial than any of that is what Clinton did in office just hours before turning over power to George W. Bush. Early on Inauguration Day, Clinton sealed his legacy by signing 140 presidential pardons, among them one particularly controversial decision that is still being debated. Clinton expunged drug charges against his half-brother Roger Clinton, and also pardoned Patti Hearst. But most notably awry was his pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich. Rich was accused of countless charges of racketeering, income-tax evasion, and fraud, but fled to Switzerland to avoid judgement. Most disturbing is the fact that Rich renounced his U.S. citizenship in the process, and that Clinton still decided that this man was worthy of a pardon.

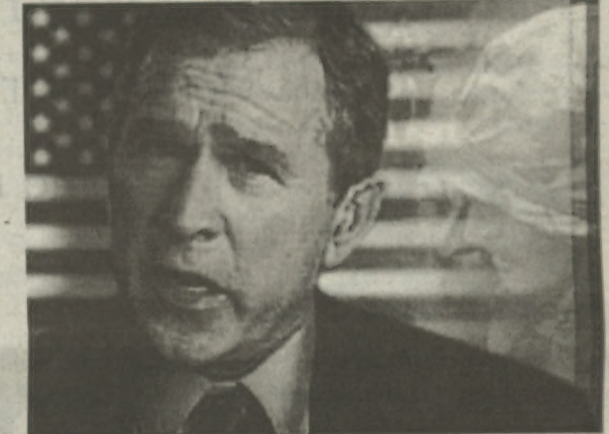
The process of issuing a pardon usually goes through the Justice Department in order to evaluate whether or not the candidate for the pardon is deserving, and of course some are just that. But in the case of Rich, Clinton bypassed the Justice Department, bypassed the advice and counsel of White House staff and lawyers, and made the controversial decision on his own. Could it be that Clinton made the decision based on the \$1.3 million Rich's ex-wife has contributed to the Democratic Party, including the 1996 re-election campaign of Clinton himself? Could the de-

ciding factor have been the almost half-million that Dense Rich has donated to the Clinton Presidential Library, which could

go towards paying Clinton's exorbitant office rent? Those are questions that a committee is asking now in an attempt to see if Clinton made his decision in the interest of justice or in the interests of self-gain.

The Clinton Legacy will probably always be disputed to a certain extent, with supporters claiming the ex-president's leadership led to unparalleled economic growth in America, and with critics saying that Clinton's behavior while in office was deplorable and did much to stain the office of the President. It may well be that both sides are in the right, concerning the effect of Clinton's presidency on the American public. While Clinton enjoyed very high

marks for job performance on his way out of office, his personal approval ratings were significantly lower, indicating that



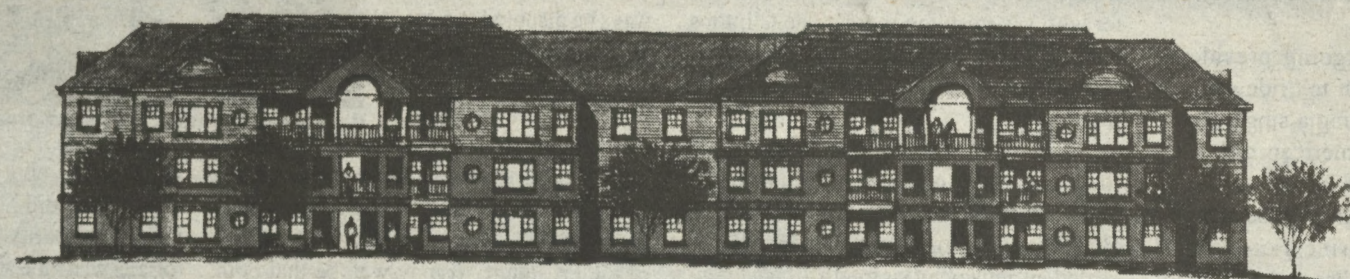
Republican President George W. Bush succeeds Clinton.

while many approved of the job he was doing, they did not like Clinton's character or personality. Only time and how historians write the story will tell exactly how future generations will perceive the Clinton Legacy.

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Gulls fall short in a bird battle

LENNY MIERZWA
SPORTS WRITER

Last Wednesday, the men's basketball team got in early foul trouble to help contribute to a 64-67 loss against the Cardinals of Catholic University in Capital Athletic Conference play.

The Gulls controlled the opening tip as forward Lou Clark tapped the ball to point guard Doug King, who passed to forward Victor Jackson for the quick 2-0 lead. However, the Cardinals quickly took control of the game and jumped out to a 10-6 lead with 15:47 left in the first half. SSU bounced back and tied the game 14-14 when back-up point guard Mike Sullivan hit forward Jason Campion on the wing for a three. The two teams continued to trade points until the 8:22 mark when Catholic started an 11-0 run taking a commanding 19-31 lead with just 4:52 left in the half.

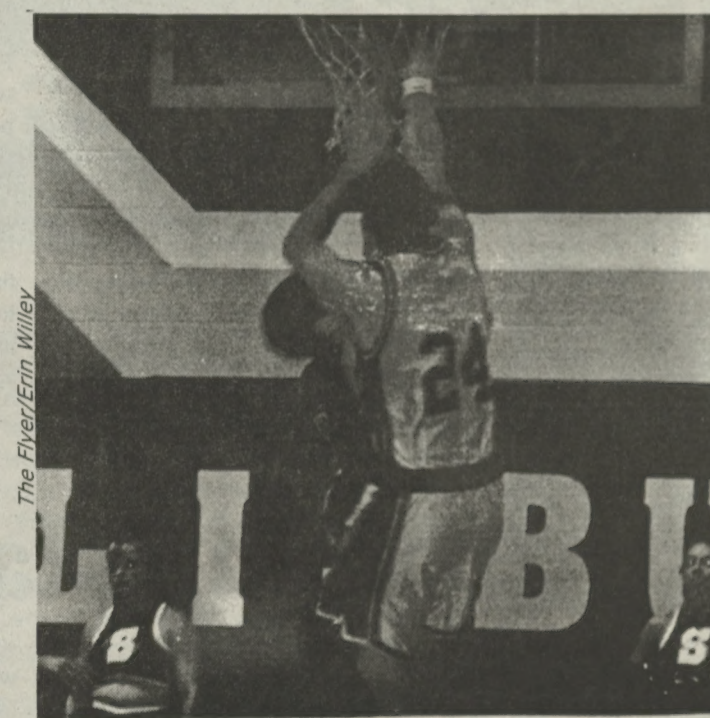
The Gulls would not give up, though. With 3:45 left in the first half, senior guard and Captain Josh Merkel picked up the loose ball and took it strong to the basket, drawing a foul. Merkel hit his first free throw and missed the second, but Clark grabbed the offensive rebound and gave it back to Merkel. Merkel

took it hard to the basket, drawing another foul. This time, he hit both to cut the Cardinal's lead to 22-31. On Catholic's ensuing possession, point guard Pat Maloney set an illegal screen on Merkel to put Merkel

on the line to shoot another pair of free throws. Merkel was unable to convert, but Clark was there once again for the offensive rebound. Clark grabbed the ball and went right back up with it to convert the

lay in and cut the lead to 24-31.

On the Gulls' next possession, Clark came to the rescue again as he grabbed the offensive rebound and was fouled. He hit both free throws and cut the Cardinal's lead to 26-33 with just 2:15 remaining in the half. Catholic added a pair of free throws from Maloney and Andy Rice, while King added a lay up and Clark hit a free throw, giving the Cardinals the



Mike Sullivan hits a shot against Catholic

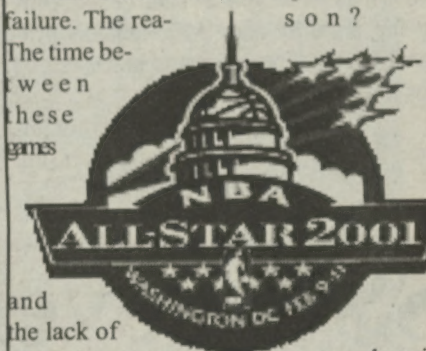
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Commentary — All-star slide

STEVE MCINTOSH
SPORTS EDITOR

In the past week and a half, three of the four major sports leagues held their all-star games. Games that are supposed to be showcases for the leagues' biggest and brightest names. This is where the attitude is lighthearted, the talent is immense, and the offense is in bulk. These games are what the league offices use to sell their game to cities and areas in which a successful team is far from imaginable. Lately this has become a complete and utter failure. The reason?

The time between these games



and the lack of player interest to play in them.

The most exciting of the all-star games was the NHL game that took place in Denver. The game, which, for the past five years has been in a North America versus the World format, broke the record for goals scored in an all-star game. This is not what made the game so special though. What made the game exceptional was the return of "Super Mario," which has been the spark so far in the NHL season.

The only downfall to the NHL game is that the day has to be shared with the NFL player vacation, known as the Pro-Bowl. ABC's marketing genius, which decided to combine these two games into one "All-Star Sunday" has taken away the appeal of both games.

The Pro-Bowl carries the least appeal of all-star games because of its placement in relation to the NFL schedule. The game takes place the week after the Super Bowl. This is a point in the season where drama in the NFL has faded. This is also a point in the season where many of the players are physically run-down and want nothing more to rest their many aches. So what happens is many of the players chosen to play in the game pass on the offer, which can't be blamed considering many of them haven't played in a game nearly a month a time where athletes' injuries are just be see SEARS page???

SSU Conferences to realign

STEVE MCINTOSH
SPORTS EDITOR

Changes in conference play in ACFC and the CAC are possible realities in ensuing seasons.

The ACFC (Atlantic Central Football Conference) is a three year-old football-only conference in which the SSU football team competes. In the upcoming season, the southern teams from Virginia and North Carolina are leaving to join the Dixie Conference along with their other sports teams. These teams consist of Ferrum, Methodist, Chowan, and Greensboro. This leaves the remaining teams—SSU, Frostburg, and Wesley—in a conference consisting of only three teams.

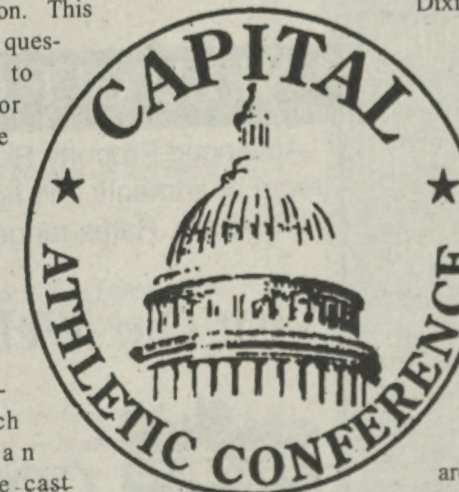
Ideas of these teams joining the Dixie Conference were quickly thrown

away as SSU and FSU are both members of CAC (Capital Athletic Conference,) an athletic conference which has no football division. This

left many questions as to whether or not the ACFC would continue play. In an SSU-TV interview with head football coach Sherman Wood, he cast aside rumors stating that the three remaining teams would stay in the ACFC. The schedule would also

remain the same for the teams and they would continue to play their former ACFC opponents who are now members of the Dixie Conference.

The CAC also has the distinct possibility of changing their image. In recent years, the CAC has become a stronger conference in Division III play, bringing up ideas for conference expansion. In an interview with SSU-TV, executive secretary of the CAC, Dick York, said the conference is currently talking to two teams, whose names were not disclosed, that are interested in becoming members of the conference. York said, though, not to expect anything in the immediate future and that this change may be several years down the road.



Men's Lax looks to reload after losing big guns

LISA CAPITELLI
SPORTS WRITER

Picture this: it is a beautiful day, the sun is shining as a warm breeze blows through the afternoon air. Taking a deep breath, the smell of freshly cut grass is engulfing and a smile forms on your face. Suddenly, the screaming and cheering of fans is heard in the crowded stands of Sea Gull Stadium. Clapping and yelling, they are focused on one thing, the field.

But it is not just any field, it is a field where hopes, desires, and dreams have come true for many athletes. Looking onto this field, an army of maroon and gold with helmets atop their heads and sticks in hand cover their territory, ready for battle.

This is no ordinary team; it is the perennial powerhouse, Salisbury State University's Men's Lacrosse Team. A legacy in Salisbury, possibly even "the team of the decade" is lead by Jim Berkman who is in his 13th year as head coach. During his incumbency, Berkman has produced 77 All Americans and has taken 12 trips to the NCAA tournament.

The Gulls are gearing up for another explosive season. At the start, the

team is ranked 2nd in the nation behind Middlebury who defeated Salisbury in last year's NCAA championship game.

But this is a new season and a new team. The Sea Gulls lost 19 of the 28 players who dressed for that championship game. There is batch of new blood, according to

Berkman that is one of the best freshmen recruiting class in a long time.

With a slew of freshman and transfers joining the squad, Berkman must find the right players with talent, strength, and maturity to create the right combinations.

With such a young group comes inexperience. "There is a difference from playing in high school and playing in college. You can't take days off or someone will beat you," states Berkman. "Guys are

bigger and stronger." The beginning will be rough with days of inconsistency but these young players will hopefully be more mature and understand the transition at the end of the year.

One thing that does worry Berkman is his offense. The loss of lead-

ing scorers Chris Turner, the national player of the year, and Joe High, the attackman of the year, Berkman has some mighty big shoes to fill.

The combination totaled 117 of the 330 goals last season for the Gulls.

"There are four or five guys competing for positions," said Berkman, who realizes that scoring will probably be diminished this season. "We're going to win some one goal games, but a win is a win." Steve Brianas from Anne Arundel has been a standout as a crease attackman. "He is a

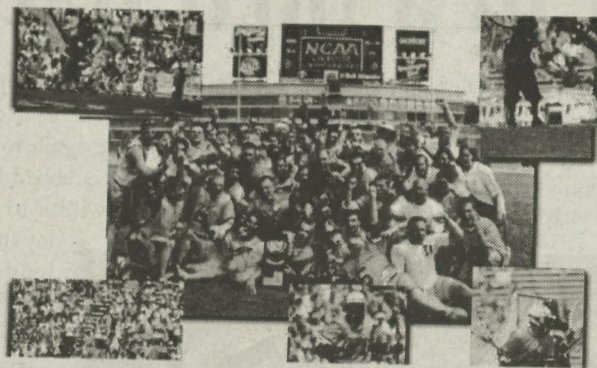
great finisher and the best attackman right now," says Berkman. "The attack is really green. There are good players, they have a lot of hard work, but there is potential for a good unit."

The defense is definitely the anchor of the team. Strength, talent, experience, and depth make this unit one of the team's biggest assets. This solid unit is lead by Captain Mark Breier, a four-year starter and two-time All-American who has pre-season honors of 1st team All-American from Face-Off Yearbook and College Lacrosse USA.

According to Berkman, Breier is a leader who is a very strong and aggressive defender. Also leading this unit is Long Pole defensive midfielder David DiPaola who is considered one of the best long poles in the country. DiPaola was 2nd team All-American last year and has a pre-season 1st team honor from Face-Off Yearbook and 2nd team AA College Lacrosse USA.

"Dave is imposing and can take the ball away," says Berkman. He will look to both of these players for leadership. Seniors Brian Shanahan and Jeff Gallucci will also get good time on the defensive line.

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SSU seventh in Sears Cup standings

MIKE BECKMAN
SPORTS WRITER

In the past, SSU has never finished higher than 18th in the Sears Cup standings, withstanding last year's jump from 45th place. This year, the Gulls moved into the top 10. With so many sports teams having had an exceptional fall season, SSU finds itself currently ranked number seven in division III sports.

This award is presented annually by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, NACDA. The award goes to the best overall collegiate athletics program in the country. The Sea Gulls have been the highest ranked team from the Capital Athletic Conference, as well as from the state of Maryland.

Coming up ahead of SSU is Wisconsin-Oshkosh at number one, Williams College at two, the College of New Jersey at three, Trinity grabbing the fourth spot, Hobart/William Smith and Ithaca tied for fifth, and Salisbury at seventh.

The Sears Cup has been in existence for six years, and each year, Salisbury

climbs the ladder of success towards the top of the standings. So far in the 2000-2001 seasons, Salisbury has 185 points, trailing Oshkosh by a mere 95 points.

With this prestigious award under its name, SSU has made impressive strides towards the top. In 1996, SSU finished 51st. The next year the school jumped all the way up to 25th in division III. Falling off the next year, Salisbury ranked 45th, then moving back up to 34th in 1999. In 2000, Salisbury reached its highest ranking ever, 18th out of the nearly 400 schools that comprise the NCAA's division III rankings.

Williams (MA) College was the overall NCAA division III winner from 2000 and won its fourth Sears Cup in the past five years, bringing in 849 points—60 points better runner-up UC San Diego.

Considering how strong the Sea Gulls sports teams look for this upcoming spring season, one can only imagine how high their ranking might soar. The men's and women's lacrosse teams can only help

to increase the ranking, and the men's baseball team, who finished only one game shy of making it to the College World Series last year, can add to the points standings. The ever-strong softball team holds the hope to bring home a Sears Director's Cup trophy this season.

Not only will the spring teams help SSU's standing, but the winter sports teams have had remarkable seasons up to this point. The men's basketball team is currently second in the CAC and the

women's team is first in the CAC standings.

Every school year, the Sears Director's Cup program that is presented in partnership by Sears and NACDA passes the Waterford Crystal trophies to the top athletics program in the NCAA Divisions I, II, and III, as well as to the top school from the NAIA. The Sears Director's Cup program is the only sports competition that recognizes a school in all four categories with the best overall athletics programs.

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Vince McMahon and NBC's radical new football league launched on Jan. 27 to high ratings and mixed reviews. Among the differences between the XFL and NFL include a two-man loose ball battle instead of a coin toss, no fair catches, and lower talent level. As a matter of fact, the league's talent seemed not only sub-pro, but sub D-I-colle-giate.

The XFL's flaws went beyond the low play, unfortunately. For a league supposed to be faster than the NFL, it was certainly slowed down by pointless alterations.

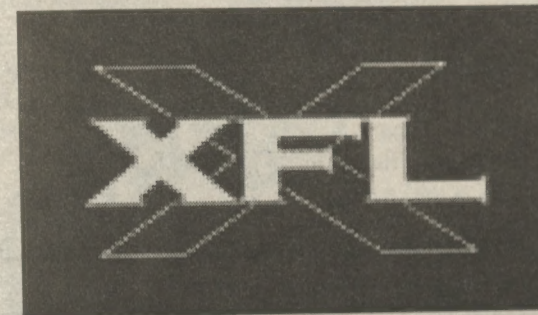
Having the players introduce themselves after kickoff topped the list of stupid quirks. However, the constant interviewing of players and coaches finished a close second.

When play was fast or entertaining, the multiple, changing camera angles deteriorated perception and made it hard to follow. Finally, it must

be made official that Jesse Ventura has the most annoying voice ever. More power to him for being elected governor, but he embarrassed Minnesota citizens enough with his guest referee appearance for the WWF. M. Ventura—how about putting as much time into your gubernatorial duties as you do your self-promotion. Luckily for Ventura, the XFL decided to obtain many other screeching men to announce their games. Actually, it sounded as if the entire late-night staff at the Home Shopping Network has taken time off so they can color commentate.

Nonetheless, eight teams consisting of hundreds of players all hoping to be the next Kurt Warner will play until a champion is crowned. The cities/states given the pleasure to dance with half-naked cheerleaders, watch replays on a 1000-foot Jumbo-Tron, and hear full in game audio: Birmingham, Chicago, Orlando, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Memphis, and New York/ New Jersey (A team so extreme one state cannot contain them).

Only time will tell if the XFL will become the next ill-fated alternative football league.



On Tap...

Game Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 17 Women's Basketball vs. Goucher

5:30 tip off

Saturday, Feb. 17 Men's Basketball vs. Goucher

7:30 tip off

SSU-TV Sea Gull Game of the Week
Men's/ Women's double header vs. Goucher LIVE!!!

WSUR Sports

Wednesday, Feb. 14 Sports Machines (The Love Edition)

9-11pm

Men's Basketball game vs. Goucher LIVE!!!

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10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (M-W)
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Th-F)



Conference Standings

*CAC swimming championship from this weekend were not included in this weeks issue due to time restraints in production

2000-2001 Women's Swimming Standings

School	Overall			CAC		
	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
Mary Wash.	9	1	.900	6	0	1.000
Salisbury St.	7	2	.778	6	1	.857
Catholic	7	2	.778	4	2	.667
St. Mary's (MD)	6	4	.600	4	3	.571
Goucher	6	7	.462	3	4	.429
York	6	8	.429	2	5	.286
Marymount	1	9	.100	1	6	.143
Gallaudet	0	5	.000	0	5	.000

2000-2001 Women's Basketball Standings

School	CAC		Games	PCT.	GB	Overall		PCT	Streak
	W	L				W	L		
SSU	11	1		.917	-	19	3	.867	W3
Marymount	10	2		.833	1.0	17	5	.773	W4
York College	7	5		.583	4.0	11	10	.524	L1
Catholic	4	7		.364	6.5	10	11	.476	L7
Mary Wash.	4	7		.364	6.5	11	9	.550	L1
Goucher	4	7		.364	6.5	9	10	.474	L2
Gallaudet	2	8		.200	8.5	7	12	.368	L2
St. Mary's	3	8		.273	7.5	6	15	.286	W2

Men's Basketball

Scoring

# Player-Team	G	FG	3FG	FT	Pts	Avg/G
1.Andy O'Brien-YCP.....	21	135	40	76	386	18.4
2.Dan Dupras-MWC.....	20	121	32	88	362	18.1
3.Frank Jackson-GAL.....	19	126	5	84	341	17.9
4.Sheldon Taylor-SMC.....	19	125	15	75	340	17.9
5.Victor Jackson-SSU.....	20	139	16	52	346	17.3

Field goal pct. (minimum of 5.0 min. per game)

# Player-Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
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1.Victor Jackson-SSU.....	20	139	250	.556
2.Frank Jackson-GAL.....	19	126	232	.543
3.Harvey Davis-SMC.....	20	112	230	.487
4.Matt Hilleary-CUA.....	20	101	208	.486
5.Andy O'Brien-YCP.....	21	135	283	.477

3-pt field goal made

# Player-Team	G	3FG	Avg/G
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1.John Ely-YCP.....	18	55	3.06
2.Josh Merkel-SSU.....	21	62	2.95
3.Paul Stoddard-MWC.....	20	57	2.85
4.Pat Maloney-CUA.....	20	49	2.45
5.Andy O'Brien-YCP.....	21	40	1.90

Women's Swim Notes: Jen Maher set two lifetime best scores in Mary Washington's win over Washington & Lee. She swam to a time of 5:25.59 in the 500 Free while finishing the 100 Breast with a time of 1:09.53. Salisbury State set two team records as they defeated St. Mary's 132-70. The victory gives them their school-best seventh win of the season to finish with a school-best record of 6-1 in the CAC. Rebecca Mitchell won the 200 Free, 500 Free and the 200 IM, while Julie Wood

won the 200 Back with a time of 2:13.96, setting a new school record. Kathleen McClellan won the 1000 Free with a time of 11:38.85, while Jamie Cheng won the 200 Breast in St. Mary's loss. Stacey Faix, Nicole Trinkaus and Lauren Dixon each picked up two wins for York in their dual meet with Hood and Lock Haven: Faix won the 100 and 200 Back with times of 1:07.69 and 2:25.60 respectively. Trinkaus won the 50 Free and the 100 Fly, while Dixon earned her first place finishes in the 100 and 200 Breast. Trinkaus and Dixon were also members of the 200 Medley Relay team which also picked up a first place finish. Trinkaus and Crystal Keelan each earned a pair of wins in the Spartans win over Misericordia. Trinkaus won the 50 and 100 Free, while Keelan won the 200 IM and the 100 Fly.

Men's Swim Notes: Tim Riley led Mary Washington in their loss to Washington & Lee in his last dual meet of his career. Riley earned a first place win in the 50 Free with a time of :22.40 and was a member of the first place 200 Free Relay team, which swam a time of 1:29.14. Julio Zarate broke a school record in St. Mary's win over Salisbury, as he won the 200 Fly with a time of 2:01.19. Chris Goodman picked up a pair of wins in the win as he won the 500 Free and the 200 IM, while also taking part in the 400 Medley Relay team. Brendan Roddy set a new school record in Salisbury's loss to St. Mary's with his first place finish in the 200 Free with a time of 1:52.15. Scott DeJesus also picked up a win for the Sea Gulls as he won the 50 Free with a time of :23.52. Ryan O'Hagan and Zachary Orchant led York in their win over Misericordia as they each picked up two wins in their individual events. O'Hagan set a pool record as he won the 50 Free with a time of :22.26, while also winning the 100 Free with a time of :50.90. Orchant picked up his wins in the 500 and the 1000 Free with times of 5:44.57 and 11:54.41 respectively.

Women's Basketball

Field goal pct.(minimum of 5.0 min. per game)

# Player-Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Kate Guggino-GOU.....	16	92	193	.477
2.Sarah Seale-MWC.....	20	105	226	.465
3.Tenille McCatty-SMC.....	21	130	286	.455
4.Touria Ouahid-GAL.....	20	155	352	.440
5.Lisa Neylan-SSU.....	21	122	280	.436

Assists

# Player-Team	G	Assists	Avg/G
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1.Touria Ouahid-GAL.....	20	125	6.25
2.Bernice Kenney-MWC.....	20	91	4.55
3.Catherine Elliot-YCP.....	20	87	4.35
4.Rachel Taylor-MU.....	21	82	3.90
Amy Campion-SSU.....	21	82	3.90

Steals

# Player-Team	G	Steals	Avg/G
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1.Touria Ouahid-GAL.....	20	80	4.00
2.Amy Campion-SSU.....	21	72	3.43
3.Jessica Young-GOU.....	18	59	3.28
4.Catherine Elliot-YCP.....	20	64	3.20
5.Candice Brown-MU.....	21	65	3.10

Assist/turnover ratio (Min. 3.0 assists/game)

# Player-Team	G	Asst	Avg Turn	Avg Ratio
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1.Touria Ouahid-GAL.....	20	125	6.2	84	4.2	1.49
2.Amy Campion-SSU.....	21	82	3.9	58	2.8	1.41
3.Rachel Taylor-MU.....	21	82	3.9	67	3.2	1.22
4.Bernice Kenney-MWC.....	20	91	4.6	75	3.8	1.21
5.Elizabeth Barfuss-SSU.....	21	81	3.9	74	3.5	1.09

Apathetic Heros

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ginning to heal.

The basketball all-star game is the one that has fallen off the furthest. Not too long ago it was the biggest spectacle in the winter months. Now it is merely a comment about how stars on the same team cannot get along. What is going to happen when the league's elite all gets together? And the crowning jewel of the NBA's all-star weekend—the slam-dunk contest—has become nothing more than a supposed college freshmen dunk contest.

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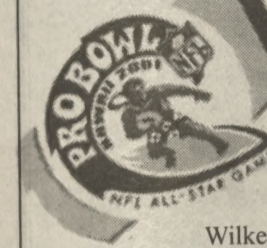
dience. Now people don't even want to tune in.

The major league base-

ball all-star game seems to be the only game to still have the allure and magic that it al-

ways had. Perhaps that is because of the time of year the game take place. The time in early July just shortly after Independence Day is perfect for "America's Pastime".

Also, there is the fact that much of the people that were voted into the game do go and play. I think the game will continue to flourish. Until, of course, the day comes when we have players signed to minor league contracts out of high school competing in the home run derby; that is when all will be lost.



the past, you had names like Jordan, Erving, and Wilkens wowing the au-

Gulls fall by inches

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the score 40-44 in favor of the Cardinals, three of the Gulls' five starters had four fouls and were all on the bench. Clark, Jackson, and King all had to sit down in foul trouble, which gave Catholic's big men an advantage down low. However, Catholic was unable to take advantage of this situation as the lineup of Sullivan, Campion, Merkel, Matt Briggs, and Kyle Morrow did their job by keeping the game close. With 9:20 left in the game, senior guard and captain Tony Chiavelli hit Briggs under the basket for the lay in to cut the Catholic lead to 47-48. The two teams took turns trading baskets until the 5:29 mark when Clark fouled out going for a rebound as Brian Meyer hit both free throws to give Catholic the 52-57 advantage.

Catholic then went on a run that gave them a 65-55 lead with only 2:43 left in the game. However, the Gulls saved up enough for one final run that started on SSU's ensuing possession when Jackson hit a baseline jumper. After a strong defensive stand the Gulls came back on offense and Jackson hit King at the top of the key for a three to cut the lead to 60-65. With 1:09 left, King took the Cardinal's Tim Judge off the dribble, made the lay-up, and drew the foul. King added the free throw and it was suddenly a 63-65 game. With 27.1 seconds remaining Jackson was

fouled hard by Maloney and was forced to come out of the game. Chiavelli came in to shoot for Jackson and made one of two free throws to cut the lead to 64-65. Campion then fouled Ryan Sheehy on the ensuing rebound to put Sheehy on the free throw line. Sheehy made one of two to give SSU a chance with 25.8 seconds remaining. As the Gulls brought the ball down they took their time to set up the offense and get the shot that they were looking for. Merkel took the shot from the wing, but could not convert, and SSU was forced to foul Maloney on the rebound. The usually sure-handed Maloney could only hit one of two free throws to give SSU a chance. The Gulls called a time out with 4.4 seconds remaining to set up the final shot. King received the ball at the top of the key and was swarmed by the Cardinal defense. He managed to get off a shot that was just off the rim and Catholic won by a final score of 67-64.

SSU tried to rebound from this loss on Saturday when they hosted the school's first-ever Coaches versus Cancer game against CAC opponent York. However, York jumped out to a 10-point lead at the half and never looked back en route to a 70-67 win. With the back-to-back losses the gulls fall to 13-9 overall and 7-5 in the CAC. SSU's next home game is against Goucher this Saturday.

Defense to lead Gulls Lax

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Pat Tewes, with a .648 save, 5.6 sv/gm last season, will guard the cage.

Berkman will be counting on the defense to carry the load since he feels the team will not score as much and that they will hopefully keep their opponents in single digits. That sounds like a lot of pressure on the defense. "The D will do their job and play mistake free lacrosse trying not to put pressure on the offense," said Brier.

"If the other team scores 9 and we score 10 then we'll be happy," said DiPaola. As a captain DiPaola has faith in the new guys and is staying positive. "They're going to make mistakes, hopefully not too many."

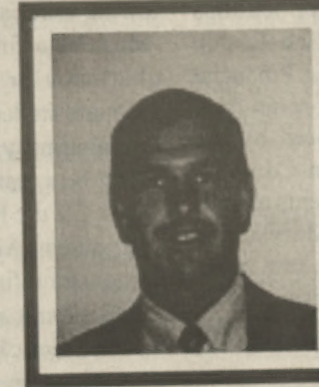
In the Midfield, look for junior Josh Bergey and senior Rob Bookhamer. "Bergey is a lot fitter and ready for a breakout year and Bookhamer is strong and big with a hard shot and speed," said Berkman. Another concern for Berkman is

a face-off specialist. Chris Martin, who graduated, won about 75 percent of his face-offs. Berkman has a few prospects for this position, not as talented as Martin but they are improving.

Berkman expects this 2001 team to be the best it can be. He is trying to develop the young players, especially on attack, to limit inconsistencies and to play together with the veterans. "Every day is a battle. The offense is never going to play against a better defense than in practice. It will almost make the games easier," said Berkman.

He knows it will be a bumpy ride, but said that if the attack comes along, they will be extremely competitive.

As usual, the Gulls have one of the most difficult schedules, playing the top teams in Division III. It will be a challenge for them but Berkman expresses that the guys are very motivated and want to maintain the tradition of SSU lacrosse, a tradition of excellence.



Did you know....

The Gulls men's basketball team is currently second in the NCAA in three-pointers made in consecutive games among all members of the NCAA. SSU trails only the Division I Running Rebels of UNLV, who ironically started the streak on the same day. The Rebels hold the record though because they have played more games due to their D-I status.

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PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Information and applications for the Professional School Scholarship Program are available in the Financial Aid Office, Holloway Hall room 213. The scholarship is sponsored by the Maryland Higher Education Commission and is designed for students attending professional schools in Maryland in fields of medicine, dentistry, law, pharmacy, social work, and nursing. The scholarship ranges from \$200-\$1,000

and is renewable for three years. To be eligible, the student must meet the following criteria:
-Must be a full-time undergraduate in pharmacy or nursing or a full-time graduate student in medicine, dentistry, law, pharmacy, social work, or nursing
-Must be a resident of Maryland
-Must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid by March 1, 2001 and demonstrate financial need
-Must submit a completed Professional School Scholarship application by

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Please help us design the t-shirt for "2001- A service Odyssey," a service event to celebrate SSU's 75th Anniversary. This event is similar to last year's "1,000 in 2000" event where over 1,000 members of the campus community volunteered during a week of service. Guidelines:
-The t-shirts will be white with short sleeves
-The design will be on the front of the t-

shirt only

-Limit design to only two colors
-One of the three following logos must be used: 75th Anniversary, SSU, or ShoreCAN. One of the logos may be put on one of the sleeves, or all three may be incorporated into the design
-Use the title of the event (2001- A Service Odyssey)
-Other than that, you have the freedom to be creative!
-The winning entry may be edited for

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Please submit all entries by Feb. 23 to the ShoreCAN Volunteer Center, SSU, CO 101.

The winner will receive \$100.

STUDY ABROAD

Rafael Hoyle, a study abroad advisor from International Studies Abroad will be on campus Thursday, Feb. 15. Mr. Hoyle will be located in the Commons from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Please stop by!

WHO'S READY TO DANCE?

SOAP is sponsoring a FOAM Dance Party complete with a DJ and lighting. You can dance the night away in an inflatable pit of bubbles, or simply play in the foam. It will be held in the Wicomico Room on Feb. 16 from 7-10 p.m. This will be a wild and outrageous dance party you won't want to miss! It's free to all SSU students with ID, but

dress to get wet!
Questions? Call x36197.

CHRISTA MCAULIFFE SCHOLARSHIP

Information and applications for the Christa McAuliffe Scholarship are available in the Financial Aid Office, Holloway Hall room 213. The scholarship is sponsored by the Christa McAuliffe Scholarship Foundation and was established to provide financial assistance to aspiring teachers in the state of Maryland. The minimum amount per scholarship is \$1,000. To be eligible, the student must meet the following criteria:
-Must be a full-time student at an accredited Maryland college or university with an approved teacher education program leading to certification.
-Must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
-Must agree to teach in a Maryland school one year for each year the scholarship is received
-Must submit all required materials including personal essays, letters of recommendation, academic transcripts, etc.
-Must also demonstrate financial need

based on the filing of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid
The application deadline is due March 1.

MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available for the Maryland Teacher Scholarship for the 2001-2002 academic year in the Financial Aid Office, Holloway Hall, room 213. This scholarship was established to provide funding to students who are Maryland residents pursuing teacher certification. The scholarship amount is \$5,000 annually and is renewable. To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:
-May apply as a high school senior, undergraduate, or graduate student
-Must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
-Must be enrolled as a full-time student in a program leading to professional teacher certification
-Must agree to work as a full-time classroom teacher in the Maryland public school system one year for each year the award is received
-Must be a Maryland resident. If you are a dependent, your parents must be Maryland residents

Students who are currently receiving the Maryland Teacher Scholarship do not need reapply. The award is automatically renewed as long as the student maintains a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

MARY RUBIN AND BENJAMIN M. RUBIN SCHOLARSHIP

Information about the Mary Rubin and Benjamin M. Rubin Scholarship is available in the Financial Aid Office, Holloway Hall room 213. The scholarship was established to provide funding to qualified women attending an institution of higher education. The amount of the award ranges from \$500-2,500. To be eligible, the student must meet the following criteria:
-Must be female
-Must be a resident of Maryland
-Must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA
-Must meet family income requirements

(\$50,000 maximum adjusted gross income, with an additional \$7,500 allowed for each dependent)

Students must submit application and all supporting documents by March 1 for the 2001-2002 academic year.

COHEAO SCHOLARSHIP

Information regarding the Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organization (COHEAO) Scholarship is available via the internet at the following address: www.coheao.com/scholarframe.html.

The organization will award six scholarships ranging from \$500-1,000. To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:
-Must be a U.S. citizen
-Must have minimum 3.75 cumulative GPA
-Must be an undergraduate entering sophomore, junior, or senior
-COHEAO members and their immediate families are not eligible
Application deadline is March 1, 2001

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP

The Salisbury Branch of the American Association of University Women offers a \$1,000 scholarship each year to an SSU Junior or Senior woman attending full-time who is a resident of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and is in need of financial assistance.

Applications may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office, Holloway Hall room 211, or from the Vice President of Student Affairs Office, Guerrieri University Center, room 212. Deadline for return of completed applications to the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs is March 12.

GREEK FORUM

ZETA TAU ALPHA ZTA

Welcome back SSU! We hope you're ready for an eventful semester. Any girls interested in becoming a Zeta should come out to our interest meeting tonight at 9:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Congratulations to all the newly initiated members-you did it! A big congratulations to Wynter on her engagement. Happy birthday to Amy S., Nicole, Carrie L., Megan, Katie, Aubrey, Carrie K., and Andrea over break and to Julie L., our Valentine's Day baby. So...Fyock, Carrie L., and Vick—whatever happened to your fourth roommate? Vanilla ice cream is Emily's favorite. Beth, did you leave something at Ohio? Anybody that wants to social give Emily Morin a call at 410-548-

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<i>Sandwiches & Subs</i>			<i>Column A</i>	<i>Column B</i>
CHOOSE ONE ITEM			CHOOSE ONE ITEM	OR CHOOSE TWO ITEMS
2 Burgers	Breaded Chicken	Turkey	French Fries	Donut
2 Grilled Cheese	Grilled Chicken	Veggie Burger	Small Garden Salad	Muffin
2 Peanut Butter & Jelly	Ham & Cheese	Chicken Tenders	Small Side Salad	Dessert Bar
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Cheesesteak	Meatball Sub	Chicken Wings	8 oz. Soup	Small Bagged Snack
Chicken Salad	Stacker Sandwich			Fresh Fruit
Fish	Tuna Salad			

#2: Pizza Meal

A 10" pizza (cheese, pepperoni or veggie) and your choice of drink (1/2 pint milk or any 20 oz. coffee, tea, cappuccino, hot chocolate, fountain soda or Pepsi Freeze).

#3: Chef's Special Meal

Chef's special of the day with sides and your choice of drink (1/2 pint milk or any 20 oz. coffee, tea, cappuccino, hot chocolate, fountain soda or Pepsi Freeze).